

SAC, New York (100-97061)

March 7, 1955

Director, FBI (100-358036 Sub 34)

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SECURITY INDEX
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INVESTIGATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY UNDERGROUND
INVESTIGATION OF SOVIET SATELLITE MATTERS
PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

Rebulet 1/10/55, advising that eleven additional Robot cameras would be furnished your office as soon as received at the Bureau. These eleven cameras are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

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SAC, New York (100-97061)

November 15, 1956

Director, FBI (100-358086 Sub 34)

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SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
COMMUNIST INDEX

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Reurlet dated November 8, 1956.

Bureau authority is granted you to establish the Communist Index in your office in the manner outlined in relet.

YELLOW: Enclosure to memo to Boardman from Belmont dated 11/14/56, same caption, TDR:pjm.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/8/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
COMMUNIST INDEX - *ny*

Re SAC letter #56-56 dated 10/30/56, paragraph L, sub-paragraph C, captioned "Communist Index." Referenced paragraph advises that Bureau authority is necessary to break down the new Communist Index (CI) geographically in connection with our integrated system in the event it is desired to use the new CI as an investigative aid.

The NYO desires a geographical breakdown of the CI but feels that one complete set should still be maintained in alphabetical order.

It is, therefore, recommended that in the NYO the CI cards be prepared in duplicate. One set will be kept in strict alphabetical order and the other will be broken down geographically to conform with the geographical breakdown on Sections #12 and #20 of the NYO. Those cards pertaining to basic revolutionary groups, other than the CP and CP fronts, will be broken down according to the group itself, such as the Socialist Workers Party, in which case they will be filed alphabetically in the above-mentioned breakdowns.

Since the set of CI cards broken down geographically is to be used as an investigative aid, it should be immediately available to the Agents who will use it most. For that reason, it is recommended that this set be maintained by the appropriate supervisor handling the particular breakdown. An example would be that the Bronx supervisor would maintain the geographical CI cards on individuals residing in the Bronx.

Relet instructs the CI cards be prepared on subjects who were deleted from the SI by application of the revised Security Index (SI) criteria since April 1955. As the Bureau is aware, the NYO still has a complete set of SI cards which were deleted under the Security Index Review Project started in April 1955. These cards have been a valuable investigative aid to Agents in identifying Unsubs principally because all cards have a physical description thereon and, in the majority of instances, a photograph.

Since these deleted SI cards have proved valuable as an investigative aid, it is recommended that the deleted SI cards now on hand be broken down

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geographically according to our integrated system and included in the set of geographical CI cards. Duplicate CI cards containing the minimum necessary information set out in relet will be prepared with respect to these deleted SI cards and included in the alphabetical set of CI cards. JK

Since there are approximately 5000 of these deleted SI cards, this will not only preserve the value of these cards as an investigative aid (description and photograph) but will cut the typing time, in preparing a duplicate set of these cards, in half. It is realized that these deleted SI cards do not have one of the items of information required on the new CI card (item #3 - membership, position, source and date of information) but have all the other items. The alphabetical set of these cards will have item #3 appearing thereon.

It is, therefore, felt that even though a large number of the cards in the geographical set of the CI will not have item #3, this is justified in view of the above observations.

Continuing with the above reasoning in mind, it is recommended that the NYO also utilize the following procedure in the future:

When an SI card is deleted, the Agent handling the case dictates a CI card for inclusion in the alphabetical section of the CI. The geographical SI card (containing description and photograph) will be taken out of the SI and placed in the appropriate section of the geographical set of CI cards. In this way the value of the deleted SI card as an investigative aid is not lost and it dispenses with the necessity of typing an additional card. JK

Both copies of all other CI cards prepared by the NYO will conform to the outline in relet. Since relet sets out the minimum required on the card, it is felt that the Bureau will have no objection if a photograph and description of the subject, if available in the file, are placed on the new CI card being placed in the geographical set, but not on the card being placed in the alphabetical set. There will be no requirement, however, that investigation be conducted to obtain the additional information if the case in question is ready to be closed.

It is felt that the above recommended procedures will definitely be of benefit to the NYO, especially in view of the future possibility that many

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of the subjects deleted from the Security Index are actually current CP members with whom Agents and informants will come in contact as our coverage of the CP increases. The preserving of the photograph and description of these 5000 individuals and breaking them down geographically could easily facilitate the identification of individuals observed in the future at CP meetings, etc., but for some reason or other their complete name and/or address could not be obtained.

The Bureau's comments on the recommendations set forth above are requested.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: November 14, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
COMMUNIST INDEX

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SAC Letter 56-56 (L) dated 10/30/56 provides that the Communist Index should be maintained alphabetically; however, if an office desired to utilize it as an investigative aid, it could be set up by geographical area in conformance with the office's integrated investigative system following Bureau concurrence.

The New York Office advised by letter dated 11/8/56 that it desires to utilize a geographical breakdown of the Communist Index and, in addition, made the following recommendations: (1) That the Index in that Office be prepared in duplicate, one set to be maintained in alphabetical order; (2) that the geographical set be maintained by the appropriate supervisor handling the particular breakdown so that this set could be immediately available to Agents engaged in security investigations; (3) that deleted Security Index cards now on hand be broken down geographically according to its integrated system and included in the set of geographical Communist Index cards. (The original instructions specified that the cancelled Security Index cards were to form the nucleus of the revised Communist Index.)

New York feels that this procedure will definitely be of benefit to that Office as an investigative aid. In this connection, it is noted that our biggest problem in effecting the identification of current members of the Communist Party exists in the New York Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that New York be authorized to establish this Index in the manner described. If you agree, there is attached a letter to the New York Office.

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Enclosure sent 11-21-56

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- 1 - Mr. Rushing

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SAC, Albany

November 23, 1956

JWA Director, FBI (100-358086)

COMMUNIST INDEX

SECURITY

Re SAC Letter 56-56 (L) dated October 30, 1956, containing instructions with regard to the reconstruction of the Communist Index.

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In the past, field office files have been stamped "CI" on the front cover to designate those subjects of main case files on whom Communist Index cards existed. In order that file covers can definitely reflect those cases in which a Communist Index card is prepared under existing instructions set out in referenced SAC Letter, you should arrange to have the main case files stamped with the letters "RCI."

Stamps for this purpose should be purchased locally.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/31/56

12/31/56
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX

Reference SAC letter 56-56, paragraph L.

The Communist Index authorized by SAC letter 56-56 is in the process of being prepared by the NYO. As of 12/31/56, approximately 5,400 closed files have been reviewed and the data accumulated on which to prepare new Communist Index cards. The Bureau has been requested to approve the preparation of 5 by 8 inch plain white cards in a manner similar to a form for use in this project.

It is anticipated that approximately five thousand additional cases pertaining to individuals who were deleted from the SI will be reviewed. It is also expected that insofar as possible, other closed security matter cases which have been handled through a reopening process since 4/15/55, will be determined from the assignment card section and where necessary Communist Index cards will be prepared.

The Bureau will be advised within 60 days of the status of this project unless it is completed sooner.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/6/57

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
COMMUNIST INDEX

SECURITY INDEX

Re New York letter 12/31/56 advising the Bureau of the status of the setting up of the Revised Communist Index.

At present the 5000 deleted Security Index cases are being reviewed by the Agents of Division IV, after which the alphabetical cards representing these subjects will be typed.

The deadline for the completion of this review has been set for March 15, 1957 and, of course, thereafter will require the typing of approximately 5000 cards in order to set up the index.

The procedure for preparing new CI cards on cases currently being closed on a continuing basis is in operation at the present time.

The Bureau will be advised on or before 4/1/57 as to the status of this index.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/3/57

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)

SUBJECT: Index
SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
COMMUNIST INDEX

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Remylet 3/6/57.

The review of the 5000 deleted Security Index cases has been completed and the new RCI cards are currently being typed.

The Bureau will be advised when this typing has been completed and the new RCI completely set up.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/23/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
COMMUNIST INDEX

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Remylet 4/3/57 advising that a review of the 5000 deleted Security Index cases had been completed and that the new Communist Index cards were being currently typed.

As the Bureau is aware, the NYO has had a substantial clerical shortage for several months and for this reason it was necessary to suspend the typing of these cards after several hundred had been typed.

However, inasmuch as the old deleted SI cards were to be utilized in the geographical breakdown of the Communist Index and are a valuable investigative aid to the Agents trying to identify CP members, all of the deleted SI cards were arranged geographically so they could be used by the Agents.

Memoranda were prepared by Agents during the review of the 5000 deleted Security Index cases mentioned above. With the recent influx of new stenographers, it is anticipated that shortly after the first of August the remaining alphabetical cards will be typed. The Bureau will be advised when this has been done.

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In the meantime, the old Communist Index cards will be retained until the Revised Communist Index cards have been completely typed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/22/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
COMMUNIST INDEX

Remylet 4/3/57 captioned as above, in which it was stated that the Revised Communist Index cards relative to the 5000 deleted Security Index cases had not been completely typed up.

This is to advise that all of the above cards have been typed and the Revised Communist Index of the NYO is in a current status.

Pursuant to instructions in SAC letter #56-56, the old Communist Index has been destroyed.

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LMRA INVESTIGATIONS (SM)

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS

Recent surveys requested by the Bureau in connection with Cominfil of Labor Unions and LMRA investigations have indicated that it would be of considerable assistance if it be made a requirement in all security investigations on individuals that the labor union affiliation, if any, be determined and that this information be included on the Security Index card of those individuals placed on the Security Index.

Bulet of 12/20/57, captioned, "Communist Infiltration of Labor Unions, IS-C," points out that the danger of an organized CP cadre in a union or industry must not be overlooked merely because it is not in a position to control the union or to openly propogandize and engage in activities in support of the CP line.

While the existence of an organized cadre could not be determined solely by a review of Security Index cards, nevertheless, the listing of labor union affiliation on the cards would make it possible to readily determine what Security Index subjects are in any given union. Judging by the number in a particular union it would then be possible to evaluate the CP strength among rank and file union members. The existence of an unusually large concentration in any one union would, of course, be indicative of the possibility that there is in fact an organized cadre in that union.

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Letter to Director

Re: Cominfil of Labor Unions, ISC
LMRA Investigations
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Determination of union affiliation in all security cases on individuals would have the further advantage of insuring that LMRA investigations are promptly instituted, where warranted. It is noted that Section 67A, page 3, of the Manual of Instructions requires that a survey be conducted annually to determine that LMRA investigations were instituted, where warranted, and that the results be furnished to the Bureau by December 1, of each year.

This survey necessitates the following:

1. A review of all Security Index cards to determine the occupation of individuals on the index.
2. A review of all files on Security Index subjects whose occupation indicates a possible labor union affiliation.
3. A review of all pending security cases on individuals for the same purpose.

This results in a review of approximately 3,200 Security Index Cards and 2,500 files with the resultant extensive agent time required to complete this review.

Since all the files on Security Index subjects must be reviewed semi annually for verification of residence and employment, a determination could be made at the same time of the labor union affiliation and whether or not the subject's position in the union is such as to warrant consideration for an LMRA investigation. Similarly, the same determination could be required in all pending security investigations on individuals. The need for an annual survey would thus be eliminated.

Letter to Director

Re: Cominfil of Labor Unions, ISC
LMRA Investigations
Sec. Inv. of Individuals

Other advantages which it is believed would follow are:

1. Residence and employment of Security Index subjects could in many cases through periodic contacts with union or management sources be more readily verified once the labor union affiliation of the individual is known.
2. There would probably be more frequent contact with established sources and informants in plants and unions and there would also be a greater opportunity for the development of new sources and informants.
3. When the labor union affiliation of a subject has been determined and disseminated to the file of the pertinent union the union file would then serve as a ready reference to the identification of unknown subjects, active on behalf of the CP in the trade union field.
4. The total number of security subjects and the identity of each in any given union could be determined at any time.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that determination of labor union affiliation, if any, be required in all security investigations of individuals and that at the time this is done consideration be given to whether the subject's position in the labor union is such as to warrant consideration for an LMRA investigation. It is also recommended that the specific local union affiliation be listed on the Security Index card of all individuals placed on the Security Index.

Should the Bureau accept this recommendation, it is felt that determination of union affiliation prior to placing a subject on the Security Index and at the time of the semi annual verification of residence and employment will result in the Security Index reflecting the desired information on all Security Index subjects within 6 months.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: 10/10/58

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)
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SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rebulet 10/2/58 to Albany setting forth instructions to reopen and investigate the cases on individuals who are included in the Communist Index (CI). Relet instructed that this project be completed by 10/15/59.

As the Bureau is aware, this office is responsible for the preparation of approximately 2900 annual reports on individuals tabbed on the Security Index (SI) as Communists. In addition, of course, many summary reports must be prepared on people who are being recommended for inclusion in the SI.

At the present time there are 4232 individuals in the Communist Index because of past Communist affiliation. To complete this project in one year would necessitate the investigation of 353 cases per month, in addition to the normal work this office performs with respect to this type of investigation.

In order to fully discharge our responsibilities in thoroughly investigating these cases, it is requested that because of the number of individuals in the Communist Index the NYO be given a deadline of 10/15/60 for the completion of the investigation of these cases. Even with a two-year period, the NYO will still have to reopen and investigate 176 cases per month, in addition to its normal work.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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SAC, New York (100-97061)

October 23, 1958

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 Director, FBI (100-358086 Sub 34)

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**SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
 COMMUNIST INDEX**

Reurlet dated October 10, 1958, requesting an extension of one year for the completion of the re-examination of your Communist Index in accordance with the instructions contained in Bulet to Albany, copies for all offices, dated October 2, 1958, captioned as above.

The Bureau desires that an attempt be made by you to dispose of this matter within the deadline date of October 15, 1959.

If, at the end of a 90-day period, you find that you are unable to accomplish this objective by opening and handling the 353 cases per month that would be required in addition to your normal work load, you should so advise the Bureau in order that further consideration may be given to your request for an extension of time in which to handle this matter. If you find it necessary to request an extension of time after the lapse of a 90-day period, you should set forth clearly your observations as to why it is not practicable to meet the Bureau deadline in this matter.

NOTE: Enclosure to memo to Mr. Belmont from Mr. Bland dated 10/22/58, same caption, TDR/pmt.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *WBA*

DATE: October 22, 1958

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX

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The field Communist Index (CI) is designed to represent those persons who, in the light of ever-changing conditions, should continually be borne in mind with a view toward possible investigation under the Security Index program. In view of increased international tension, Bulet to Albany, copies to all offices, 10/2/58, instructed that the CI be completely re-examined on an individual case basis, the re-examination being made in equal monthly installments for a period of one year, Bureau deadline for completion of this project being 10/15/59.

New York notes that it has 4232 individuals presently in the CI because of past communist affiliation and indicates that to re-examine these cases within the one-year deadline would require the opening of 353 additional cases per month. Because of this factor, New York requests a one-year extension in the deadline for completion of this project.

It is recognized that the opening of 353 additional cases per month by New York will place an additional burden on that office. However, it is felt that prior to extending the deadline in this matter New York should make an effort to handle this project within the deadline set by the Bureau. If New York finds after a reasonable period that the handling of 353 cases in this project per month places an undue burden on it, that office should then request an extension of time in which to handle the matter, the request to set forth specific observations as to why it is not practicable to meet the Bureau deadline in this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree, there is attached a proposed letter to New York.

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Rushing

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: 1/15/59

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Rebulet to Albany dated 10/2/58, instructing all offices to reopen cases of individuals included on the Communist Index for reinvestigation by 10/15/59.

The following are the statistics with respect to the handling of the cases under this category between 10/15/58 and 1/15/59:

1. Number on CI at beginning of program: 4232
2. Number on CI to date: 4236
3. Number removed from CI during period: 35
4. Number of informants or potential informants developed: 0 (1 under development)
5. Number of subjects placed on the Security Index (SI) as a result of program: 0
6. Number of Espionage cases opened: 0
7. Number of subjects found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors: 0
8. Number of instances where this program turned up subjects where delicate or sensitive employment or relationships required additional dissemination in line with FBI'S over-all security responsibilities: 0

It is felt that the program is too new at the present time to intelligently evaluate the results.

For the Bureau's information, there are currently 1,124 CI cases open at the present time and being handled under this program.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: 4/15/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX
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Rebulet to Albany dated 10/2/58, instructing all offices to reopen cases of individuals included on the Communist Index for re-investigation by 10/15/59.

The following are the statistics with respect to the handling of the cases under this category between 1/15/59 and 4/10/59:

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| 1. Number on CI at beginning of Program: | 4397* |
| 2. Number on CI to date: | 4496 |
| 3. Number removed from CI during period: | 101 |
| 4. Number of informants or potential informants developed: | 0 |
| 5. Number of subjects placed on the Security Index as a result of Program: | 0 |
| 6. Number of espionage cases opened: | 0 |
| 7. Number of subjects found to be employed at Key Facilities or by classified contractors: | 5 |
| 8. Number of instances where this Program turned up subjects where delicate or sensitive employment or relationships required additional dissemination in line with FBI'S over-all security responsibilities: | 0 |

It will be noted that the figure 4397 listed under Item #1 is actually the number that was on the Communist Index at the beginning of the Program. This figure represents an increase of 165 over the listing of 4232 submitted in the January 15th progress letter. These 165 RCI subjects are included in the Communist Index because of spinter activity and they were inadvertently omitted when the original account was made.

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For the information of the Bureau, a total of 2538 cases have been opened for handling under this Program while 1139 cases have actually been handled to date.

I Mr. Henry

SAC, New York

May 14, 1959

Director, FBI (100-358086 Sub 34)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX PROGRAM

ReBulet 10-2-58 to Albany instructing that cases of individuals whose names are included in the Communist Index (CI) be re-examined.

The Bureau is now in receipt of the reports submitted by field offices concerning the progress made in this Program during the period 1-15-59 to 4-15-59. For your information, the offices report that as a result of this Program, 30 individuals have been added to the Security Index and 15 security informants or potential security informants are under development.

Approximately 25% of all CI subjects are located in your office. Nevertheless, your report for this period shows that no informants are under development and that no individuals have been added to the Security Index as a result of this Program. Your report for the period ending 1-15-59 made the same negative showing. It is recognized that the basic purpose of the Program is to intensify and bring to a current status our knowledge of and penetration into the subversive field and that the development of informants and determination of Security Index status are only incidental thereto. However, the above figures demonstrate that it is desirable for you, at this time, to make a critical analysis of your handling of this Program and of the results being obtained, particularly to assure yourself that:

1. Each case considered under the Program is receiving proper and complete attention with the objective clearly in mind that we must be thoroughly informed concerning the subversive sympathies and activities of any individual having such tendencies.

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COMMUNIST INDEX PROGRAM

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2. Results of a statistical nature growing out of this Program are being properly attributed in your reports concerning the progress being made. In this connection, it is noted that in at least one instance (the case of [redacted], PSI, Bufile [redacted], development of [redacted] as a PSI was authorized in 4-59. It is further noted that the name of Seymour Atlas, subject of Bufile 100-91733, was restored to the Security Index on 3-10-59. In this case the correspondence from your office indicates the strong probability that the case was opened under the CI Program. Further, a check of cases recently added to the Security Index from New York (not by any means embodying all such cases) has revealed at least five other cases of individuals whose Security Index cards had previously been cancelled and who had been restored to the Security Index since the beginning of this Program. While, of course, a determination cannot be made at the Bureau that this action resulted from the CI Program, it does indicate that you should check your procedures to assure yourself that any cases restored to the Security Index as a result of the CI Program are properly reported in your next progress report.

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This statistical information is of value, but, of course, is not by any means the complete measure of the progress you should be achieving in the Program. As a minimum, the ascertainment of current employment and residence addresses of this group of individuals who, next to the Security Index subjects, represents the most dangerous reservoir from whom subversives can be anticipated to come, constitutes an accomplishment. The development of current information as to the sympathies of these individuals, whether ascertained through cooperative interviews or other investigation, is not only desirable, but essential if the Bureau is to continue to meet its responsibilities.

Letter to New York

**Re: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX PROGRAM**

100-358086 Sub 34

So that both you and the Bureau may be apprised of the progress which you are making in this Program, your report concerning such progress to be submitted 7-15-59 should include all items of information presently called for and developed since 4-15-59, and should also add the following items of information:

- 1. Total number of CI Program cases, the handling of which was completed since 4-15-59.**
- 2. Total number of interviews conducted in those matters showing (a) the number of cooperative interviews and (b) the number of totally uncooperative interviews.**
- 3. Number of instances in which the subject was found to have moved outside your jurisdiction.**
- 4. Number of instances in which there was a change of either residence or employment address of the subject although he remains within your jurisdiction.**

You must assure yourself that this Program is receiving continuous and vigorous attention so that its ends may be accomplished. It should not be treated as a substitute for other security programs, but as a supplement thereto to assist in the ultimate objective of as complete penetration as possible in the entire field of subversion.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086-Sub 34)

DATE: 6/5/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX PROGRAM

Rebulet 5/14/59.

In accordance with relet, the NYO has made a critical analysis of its handling of the Communist Index Program. The Bureau's observations have been brought to the attention of all Agents handling same. Additional controls have been established to insure that all of the statistical data desired by the Bureau is being obtained for the progress letters.

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The Bureau has noted with respect to [redacted], PSI, Bufile [redacted], NY file [redacted], that possibly this was one instance where a PSI was developed due to the Communist Index Program. The NY file reflects that this case was opened on 8/28/58. Due to some difficulty in locating the subject under secure conditions, he was first interviewed on 11/2/58, at which time it was determined he had some potential. It was not until 12/1/58 that New York reached [redacted]'S name to reopen the case under the Communist Index Program. The development of [redacted] into a PSI, which was authorized by the Bureau in the early part of April 1959, has been credited therefore, to the Security Informant Program in the New York Office statistics rather than the Communist Index Program.

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The Bureau has noted with reference to SEYMOUR ATLAS, Bufile 100-71733, NY 100-87022, that it appeared probable that this man was restored to the Security Index under the Communist Index Program. Examination of this case file in New York indicates that the Bureau's observations are well taken and, therefore, the New York Office letter of 4/15/59 is being amended under Item #5 to reflect "bne" instead of "zero" and the Bureau is requested to make similar amendment. For the Bureau's information, the New York Office form #NY-109 reflecting disposition of this case under the Communist Index Program had not been filed prior to our April 15th report. All Agents have been reinstructed to promptly submit this form at the conclusion of the Communist Index phase of the investigation. A review is now being made periodically to insure that the approved form is filed in the New York control file in each and every instance.

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The New York Office has now completed a review of every case file where the subject has been placed on the Security Index during the January 15 - April 15, 1959 quarter. In no other instance has the inclusion or restoration of subject on the SI been effected due solely to the program. In all other instances the case files were opened due to new information being received from informants prior to the time that they would be contacted normally under the RCI Program or the case files were reopened due to surveillances of recent CP functions. The NYO will insure that all Security Index inclusions in the future will be closely evaluated with respect to the program to insure that the progress report of 7/15/59 is accurate in all respects. Each development under every informant program during the period from January 15 to April 15 has been reviewed to insure that there was no error in our April letter. Developments from 4/15/59 to 7/15/59 will be reviewed during the preparation of the 7/15/59 letter to insure that developments are being credited to the Communist Index Program where proper.

The Bureau is assured that this program is receiving continuous and vigorous attention so that its purposes may be accomplished.

It is now anticipated the program should be completed in New York by 10/15/59 in accordance with the Bureau instructions of 10/2/58.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: 7/15/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
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Rebulet to Albany dated 10/2/58, instructing all offices to reopen cases of individuals included on the Communist Index for re-investigation by 10/15/59.

The following are the statistics with respect to the handling of the cases under this category between 4/10/59 and 7/10/59:

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| 1. Number on CI at beginning of Program: | 4397 |
| 2. Number on CI to date: | 4484 |
| 3. Number removed from CI during period: | 73 |
| 4. Number of informants or potential informants developed: | 2 PSI's
1 Security Source of Information |
| 5. Number of subjects placed on the Security Index as a result of Program: | 1 |
| 6. Number of espionage cases opened: | 0 |
| 7. Number of subjects found to be employed at Key Facilities or by classified contractors: | 7 |
| 8. Number of instances where this Program turned up subjects where delicate or sensitive employment or relationships required additional dissemination in line with FBI's over-all security responsibilities: | 1 |
| 9. Total number of CI Program cases, the handling of which was completed since 4/10/59: | 1369 |
| 10. Cooperative Interviews: | 13 |
| Uncooperative Interviews: | 134 |
| TOTAL | 147 |

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11. Number of instances in which the subject was found to have moved outside your jurisdiction: 46
12. Number of instances in which there was a change of either residence or employment address of the subject although he remains within our jurisdiction: 557

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 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)
 SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
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DATE: 10/20/59

Rebulet to Albany 10/2/58, instructing all offices to reopen cases of individuals included on the Communist Index for reinvestigation by 10/15/59.

New York has reopened and reinvestigated all cases within this category. All but 19 have been disposed of. Most of those now pending await word from other field offices as to the subject's residence. The following are the statistics with respect to the handling of the cases between 10/2/58 and 10/15/59. Although items 9, 10, 11 and 12 were not originally requested by the Bureau and were, therefore, not contained in NY letters of 1/15/59 and 4/16/59, figures with respect to these items have been obtained by a review of the control file maintained in the NYO to cover the entire period of the program's operation.

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| 1. Number on Communist Index at beginning of program: | 4397 |
| 2. Number on Communist Index to date: | 4633 |
| 3. Number removed from Communist Index during program: | 312 |
| 4. Number of informants or potential informants developed: | 3 |
| (One PSI discontinued due to heart attack; other two PSIs have good potential.) | |
| 5. Number of subjects placed on the Security Index as a result of program: | |
| 8 (1 additional subject being recommended) | Total 9 |
| 6. Number of Espionage cases opened: | 0 |
| 7. Number of subjects found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors: | |

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8. Number of instances where this program turned up subjects where delicate or sensitive employment or relationships required additional dissemination in line with FBI's over-all security responsibilities:	8
9. Total number of CI program cases, the handling of which has been completed:	4378
10. Cooperative interviews:	19
Uncooperative interviews:	145
TOTAL	<u>164</u>
11. Number of instances in which subject was found to have moved outside jurisdiction:	189
12. Number of instances in which there was a change of either residence or employment address of subject although he remained within our jurisdiction:	1486

It is expected that the 19 cases not disposed of to date will be completed by 11/15/59, at which time the Bureau will be furnished a final report.

With respect to the tally of individuals placed on the Security Index under the REI Program, it should be noted that New York has only counted those who were placed on the Security Index as a result of the review or reconsideration of the file. Those individuals who engaged in some subversive activity between October 1958 and October 1959 and who would have been placed on the Security Index as a result of this activity were not counted as subjects placed on the Security Index as a result of the program. It was felt that the cases on these individuals would have been reopened in any event and the fact that their activity took place between October 1958 and October 1959 had no bearing in evaluating the results of the program. It is noted further that in no single instance did an informant, contacted as a result of the reopening of the case file under the program, furnish this office current information to bring a subject within the SI criteria.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97061)

DATE: 11/20/59

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS
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Rebulet to Albany 10/2/58, instructing all offices to reopen cases of individuals included on the Communist Index for reinvestigation by 10/15/59, and NYlet 10/19/59.

NY has now completed the reinvestigation of all cases as required. The itemization submitted below is a summary of the results of the entire program in the NYO:

1. Number on Communist Index at beginning of program: 4397
2. Number on Communist Index to date: 4633
3. Number removed from Communist Index during program: 324
4. Number of informants or potential informants developed: 3
(No informants; 1 PSI developed, later discontinued due to heart attack; 2 PSI'S under development have good potential.)
5. Number of subjects placed on the Security Index as a result of program: 9
6. Number of Espionage cases opened: 0
7. Number of subjects found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors: 21
8. Number of instances where this program turned up subjects where delicate or sensitive employment or relationships required additional dissemination in line with FBI'S over-all security responsibilities: 8
9. Total number of CI program cases, the handling of which has been completed: 4397

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10. Cooperative interviews:	19
Uncooperative interviews:	<u>145</u>
	TOTAL
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11. Number of instances in which subject was found to have moved outside jurisdiction:	201
12. Number of instances in which there was a change of either residence or employment address of subject although he remained within our jurisdiction:	1493